

Application no. 09/550,867
Amdt. dated June 8, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 19, 2004

REMARKS / ARGUMENT

In the office action mailed April 19, 2004:

claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) in view of U.S. patent no. 6,625,124 to Fan *et al.* (hereafter "Fan");

claims 1, 4, 5, 7-9, 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) in view of U.S. patent no. 6,101,522 to Chiang *et al.* (hereafter "Chiang");

claim 19 was allowed; and

claim 13 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected claim.

Independent claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17 have been amended to further clarify the present invention. In general, the invention in these several embodiments is distinguishable from a token ring in Fan and the virtual internet in Chiang. Previously present claim 13 has been rewritten in independent form in new claim 20. Applicant submits that all claims are patently distinguishable from the prior art and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Should there be any fees for this action, your office is authorized to draw from the firm deposit account number 02-3979. Should you have any questions, or identify any problem, I would appreciate a telephone call so that this matter may be resolved promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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